



# Congressman JIM DAVIS



*Representing the People of the 11th District of Florida*

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Dear Friend:

It is my honor to represent you and residents of Florida's 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. As a result of redistricting, this year our congressional district expanded to include portions of south Pinellas County and north Manatee County, as well as much of Hillsborough County.

In an effort to better serve this diverse district, I opened a satellite office in St. Petersburg, and my staff is hosting monthly mobile office hours across the Tampa Bay area. Please see Page 3 for more information.

This year, I also gained the opportunity to work on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Whether it is the high cost of prescription drugs, the preservation of our environment, or the need to modernize our nation's energy infrastructure, this position will bring our voice to congressional debate on issues that impact our way of life.

Please keep in touch on the issues that matter most to you or your family.

Sincerely,

*P.S. If you would like to receive periodic e-mail updates about my work in Congress, please e-mail [FLDistrict11@mail.house.gov](mailto:FLDistrict11@mail.house.gov)*

## Fighting for a Responsible Medicare Rx Bill

As seniors across Tampa Bay are struggling with the high cost of prescription drugs, Congressman Davis is working to pass a reliable prescription drug plan that preserves Medicare's promise for future generations.

Davis voted against the House Republican Medicare bill, which would drive seniors who need a prescription drug benefit to leave the traditional Medicare program and navigate a bewildering maze of private health plans with no minimum standards for coverage or limits on premiums.

Instead, he is leading 33 of his colleagues in urging Democratic and Republican congressional leaders to develop legislation to guarantee meaningful coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries and protect the Medicare program's viability.

Specifically, their proposal calls for the adoption of Senate-passed provisions requiring a government "fallback" prescription drug program to operate in regions of the country that are not served by at least two private plans. The proposal also calls for subsidies for low-income seniors, protection of beneficiaries who have retiree coverage under employer health plans, and the rejection of House-passed provisions to turn the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program into a voucher program, leaving many of the sick-

est of America's Medicare beneficiaries with little or no coverage.

"To keep our promise to seniors, both parties in Congress must work together to craft a Medicare prescription drug benefit that is meaningful, reliable and within the Medicare program that they have come to know and trust," said Davis.



*At his prescription drug forum, Rep. Davis talks with seniors about Medicare reform. The event provided information about discount drug card programs helping many Medicare beneficiaries reduce the cost of their medications. To learn more, talk with your doctor or pharmacist.*

## Our Troops in Iraq

As America's brave men and women in uniform are risking their lives in the Middle East, Congressman Davis is working in Washington to ensure that they and their families have our full support.

In the months preceding the war, he called on President Bush to forge a broad international coalition to support our armed forces in the event of military action and to participate in rebuilding Iraq.

"To ensure our success in Iraq, the President and Congress must utilize all of the economic, political and diplomatic skills at our disposal," said Congressman Davis.

In March, he joined 44 of his colleagues in sending a letter to the President urging him to seek the involvement of the United Nations to form an international coalition to rebuild post-war Iraq. Enlisting the UN's support in rebuilding Iraq would not only reduce the burden on our troops but also improve our chances for success.



*Congressman Davis visits Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg to talk with government and history students about the war with Iraq.*

## Improving Hometown Security



*Police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel are our first responders — our hometown security force. Recently, Congressman Davis met with first responders from Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas counties to discuss homeland security needs in the Tampa Bay area.*

## Targeting the Roots of Terrorism

This summer, Congressman Davis spearheaded a letter to President Bush calling on him to appoint a director for the United States' efforts to combat terrorist financing. The bipartisan letter, signed by 111 members of the House of Representatives, including 10 members of the House Intelligence Committee, highlighted the urgent need for the United States to stop the flow of funds to terrorist organizations and to pressure the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to establish an effective system to control charitable giving.

"We cannot wait for the next attack to take steps to curb the flow of money into the hands of international terrorists," said Congressman Davis. "Breaking the financial support system of terrorist groups must continue to be a priority here at home and in all of our diplomatic efforts as well."

In another effort to combat terrorism, he introduced House Concurrent Resolution 242, which calls on Saudi Arabia to conduct a thorough, objective and public review of its education system and abolish curriculum that promotes religious extremism and intolerance.

"The United States cannot afford to remain silent about governments that tolerate the religious extremism that has made the Middle East ripe for the influence of terrorist groups," said Congressman Davis.

## Honoring Our Buccaneers

In honor of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' resounding victory at Super Bowl XXXVII, Rep. Davis introduced and passed a resolution congratulating the Bucs and recognizing the dedicated fans who have supported them in their hard-fought journey to the top.

## Protecting Florida's Coasts

This spring, Rep. Davis fended off another attempt by the Administration to permit offshore drilling that would threaten Florida's pristine shores. Language was inserted in the energy bill that would allow the Department of Interior to begin seismic testing and exploratory drilling in sensitive coastal and marine areas off Florida and other states.

In response, Davis offered an amendment to strike the language in the bill. The amendment, which passed the House of Representatives unanimously, sent a message to drilling proponents that the House will not compromise America's coastal treasures for a short-term oil supply, when we really need an energy bill focused on long-term solutions to our energy demands. Davis is fighting to ensure that future energy legislation protects Florida's natural treasures.



*Congressman Davis receives an airboat tour during a trip to several Everglades restoration sites. He is working with the Florida Congressional Delegation to protect federal Everglades funding.*

## Problems with Federal Agencies

If you are having trouble dealing with a federal agency, our offices may be able to help. Please call the Tampa office at (813) 354-9217 or Florida Toll Free 1 (888) 266-0205 or the St. Petersburg satellite office at (727) 867-5301. In addition, you may visit one of our monthly mobile offices. One of my representatives will be available to serve you at the following locations and times (**para personas que habla Español llamen a la oficina en Tampa (813) 354-9217**):

Bradenton Office Hours  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Bradenton Community Development Agency, 912 7th Avenue East

Palmetto Office Hours  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency, 516 8th Avenue West

Town 'N Country Office Hours  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
West Gate Regional Library, 7606 Paula Drive

Temple Terrace Office Hours  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway



## Academy Appointments

The U.S. Service Academies — Army, Air Force, Navy and Merchant Marine — offer excellent education opportunities for high school graduates. High school students seeking a nomination can request an application from our Tampa office.

## Fighting for Fiscal Responsibility

This summer, the Congressional Budget Office forecasted that the federal budget deficit will grow to a record breaking \$480 billion next year and over the next 10 years will total \$1.4 trillion.

Rep. Davis continues to fight in Congress for greater fiscal discipline. "As our nation grapples with costly homeland security upgrades and the mounting expenses of rebuilding Iraq, Congress must develop a responsible budget plan to guide us through the challenges on the horizon. If Congress does nothing, by the year 2011, families of four will have to pay approximately \$4,550 to fund just the interest costs on the public debt," he said.

This year, Davis voted against the Republican Leadership's \$550 billion tax package. This tax cut shortchanges America's working families, fails to recharge our stagnant economy and is responsible for much of the projected growth in the budget deficit, which threatens to increase long-term interest rates.

"At a time when millions of families are making tough financial choices, Congress should lead by example and pass a fiscally responsible proposal, focusing the benefit on working class families and small businesses through marriage penalty relief, child tax credits and equipment depreciation deductions, without compromising our ability to pay for our commitments abroad and at home," said Davis.

*Congressman Davis visits Hillsborough County's A Gift For Teaching store, which provides free school supplies to teachers serving low-income students. During recent meetings with the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee County School Boards, officials stressed how federal and state budget cuts have put the squeeze on students. Davis is fighting in Congress to ensure the federal government keeps its promise to schools under the No Child Left Behind Act, and he is encouraging local businesses and organizations to give teachers a helping hand by supporting programs like A Gift For Teaching.*



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